

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of the claims.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An attaching structure for attaching a valve device to a fuel tank, comprising:

a functional component fixed inside the fuel tank, and

~~an attaching device~~ a bracket having a first attaching portion attached to the functional component and having a second attaching portion for receiving the valve device thereto therein so that the valve device is attached to the fuel tank through the bracket attached to the functional component which is fixed to the fuel tank.

2. (original) An attaching structure according to claim 1, wherein said functional component is a metal pipe disposed inside the fuel tank.

3. (currently amended) An attaching structure according to claim 1, wherein said ~~attaching device includes~~ bracket is an elastic bracket for attaching the valve device to the functional component.

4. (currently amended) An attaching structure ~~according to claim 1,~~ wherein for attaching a valve device to a fuel tank, comprising:

a functional component fixed inside the fuel tank, and

an attaching device attached to the functional component and having a portion for receiving the valve device thereto, said attaching device ~~includes~~ including a horizontal plate portion and a vertical plate portion connected to the horizontal plate portion, one of said horizontal plate portion and vertical plate portion including an engagement portion detachably engaging the valve

device, the other of said horizontal plate portion and vertical plate portion including a connecting portion detachably connected to the functional component.

5. (original) An attaching structure according to claim 4, further comprising a plurality of clips attached to the attaching device to connect the attaching device to the functional component.

6. (currently amended) An attaching structure for a fuel tank, comprising:

a valve device ~~attached~~ located inside an upper portion of the fuel tank, and having a connecting pipe portion for communicating the valve device between an inside and an outside of the fuel tank therethrough, said valve device being closed when a fuel level of the fuel tank increases to a predetermined level,

a functional component fixed inside the fuel tank, and

~~an attaching device fixed to the functional component, said valve device being attached to the attaching device inside the fuel tank~~ a bracket having a first attaching portion attached to the functional component and a second attaching portion for receiving the valve device therein so that the valve device is attached to the fuel tank through the bracket attached to the functional component which is fixed to the fuel tank.

7. (currently amended) An attaching structure according to claim 6, wherein said connecting pipe portion is connected to an end of a tube communicating between an upper portion of ~~an~~ a fuel filler pipe installed in the fuel tank and an inside of the fuel tank.

8. (new) An attaching structure according to claim 1, wherein said bracket is flexible, and the first attaching portion is detachable with respect to the functional component.

9. (new) An attaching structure according to claim 1, wherein said first attaching portion includes a hole formed in the bracket, and a clip detachably engaging the hole and the functional component.

10. (new) An attaching structure according to claim 9, wherein said clip includes a pair of holding pieces for holding a pipe as the functional component, and a pair of engaging legs formed at a side opposite to the holding pieces and engaging the hole.